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SUBJ: MILITARY SALES TO BANGLADESH

REF: DACCA 5227 (NOTAL)

A REPORT FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT HMG MAY BE WILLING TO
SELL RPT SELL BDG MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR INTERNAL
SECURITY PURPOSES.

2. BHC SMALLMAN SAID HIS MISSION HAD BEEN APPROACHED
SEPARATELY BY SENIOR NAVY AND ARMY PERSONNEL AS WELL AS
BY "MAJORS" REQUESTING A FRIGATE, TRAINING,
COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SMALL ARMS. HE WAS TOLD
THAT SOVIETS HAD REPORTEDLY OFFERED A FRIGATE, BUT BDG
DISINCLINED TO ACCEPT UNLESS THEY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE.

3. SMALLMAN INCLINED TO COOPERATE WITH SUCH INTERNAL
SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, BUT SAID HMG HAS NO AID MONEY
FOR THESE PURPOSES, EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR MILITARY
TRAINING. THE OFFICERS WHO HAD APPROACHED THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER HAD INDICATED BDG WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY,
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PROBABLY WITH FUNDS FROM ARAB FRIENDS.

4. DCM ASKED SMALLMAN ABOUT RECENT REPORT THAT BRITISH
WERE REACTIVATING POSITION OF DEFENSE ATTACHE IN DACCA,
AND HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID THIS NOT RPT NOT ACCURATE.
HE SAID THEY MIGHT OCCASIONALLY BRING AN ATTACHE ON TDY
FROM ANOTHER POST, PROBABLY FROM BANGKOK RATHER THAN FROM
DELHI FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

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